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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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FIRST INVENTOR: Mingjun HUANG TITLE QUANTITATIVE ASSAY FOR DETECTION
OF NEWLY SYNTHESIZED RNA IN A CELL-FREE SYSTEM AND IDENTIFICATION
OF RNA SYNTHESIS... EXAMINER NYA ART UNIT NYA

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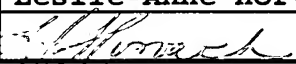
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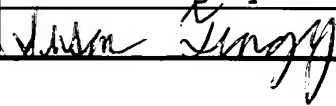
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11. Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

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	1	US 6 447 994	09/10/2002	Schmidt et al.	B1		09/20/2006

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	2	WO 97 47640	06/16/1997	International				
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	9	International Search Report for International Application No.: PCT/US2005/009959. Dated 03/23/2005.
	10	Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority for International Application No.: PCT/US2005/009959. Dated 03/23/2005.

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